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Propane Watch

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- As the summer stock build season wound down during August, U.S. inventories of propane posted a relatively strong build during the month, rising nearly 5.0 million barrel (MMB) to a estimated 61.8 MMB as of August 31, 1999. U.S. inventories remain at the second highest August level in over a decade. Regional inventories continued higher in all major areas of the Nation last month. Midwest inventories reported the largest gain, up nearly 2.6 MMB, while inventories in the East Coast and Gulf Coast regions reported gains of 0.5 MMB and 1.7 MMB, respectively. East Coast inventories continued above the normal range during August, while Midwest and Gulf Coast inventories remain well within their respective normal ranges during this same period.
- Although the overall seasonal stock build through August trailed the 5-year average, due partly to the overhang in inventories from last year, U.S. and regional inventories remain at more than adequate levels prior to the start of the 1999-2000 heating season.
- The next *Propane Watch*, which will include inventory data as of September 30, 1999, will be released at 5:00 p.m. on October 6, 1999.

Propane Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I, II, and III (Thousand Barrels)

Districts	July 1998	August 1998	Month Ending				
			04/30/99	05/31/99	06/30/99	07/31/99	08/31/99
East Coast (PADD I)	4,671	5,213	2,883	3,330	^R 3,530	^E 5,090	^E 5,579
Midwest (PADD II)	28,578	31,342	16,437	20,282	^R 23,158	^E 25,563	^E 28,117
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	31,100	32,805	19,713	21,262	^R 22,649	^E 24,142	^E 25,886
Total (PADD I-III)	64,349	69,360	39,033	44,874	^R 49,337	^E 54,795	^E 59,582
U.S. Total	67,313	73,091	40,157	46,264	^R 51,175	^E 56,822	^E 61,786

E=Estimated data.

R=Revised.

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Petroleum Supply Reporting System and Form EIA-807, "Propane Telephone Survey."

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